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Blood urea nitrogen (BUN)

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Definitions

Protein

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Kidney

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Urea

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A waste product in the blood that comes from the breakdown of **protein**. The **kidneys** filter blood to remove **urea**. As kidney function decreases, the BUN level increases.